

South to Shiraz

November 2015: Traveling almost a thousand miles to the south by automobile across a vast desert. The first stop is Kashan with its Royal Gardens of Fin and the Agha Bozorg Mosque.

Then into the mountains to Abyaneh a UNESCO historical village.

The next stop is Yazd with the Zoroastrian Towers of Silence and Fire Temple.

We enter Shiraz through the Qur'an Gate. Shiraz is the birthplace of the great Persian poets Hafiz and Saadi. It's also the birthplace of one of the best wines in the world Syrah, which is no longer commercially produced here.

Just outside the city is the ancient capital of Persia, Persepolis and the tombs of the Achaemenid Kings Naqsh-e Rostam.



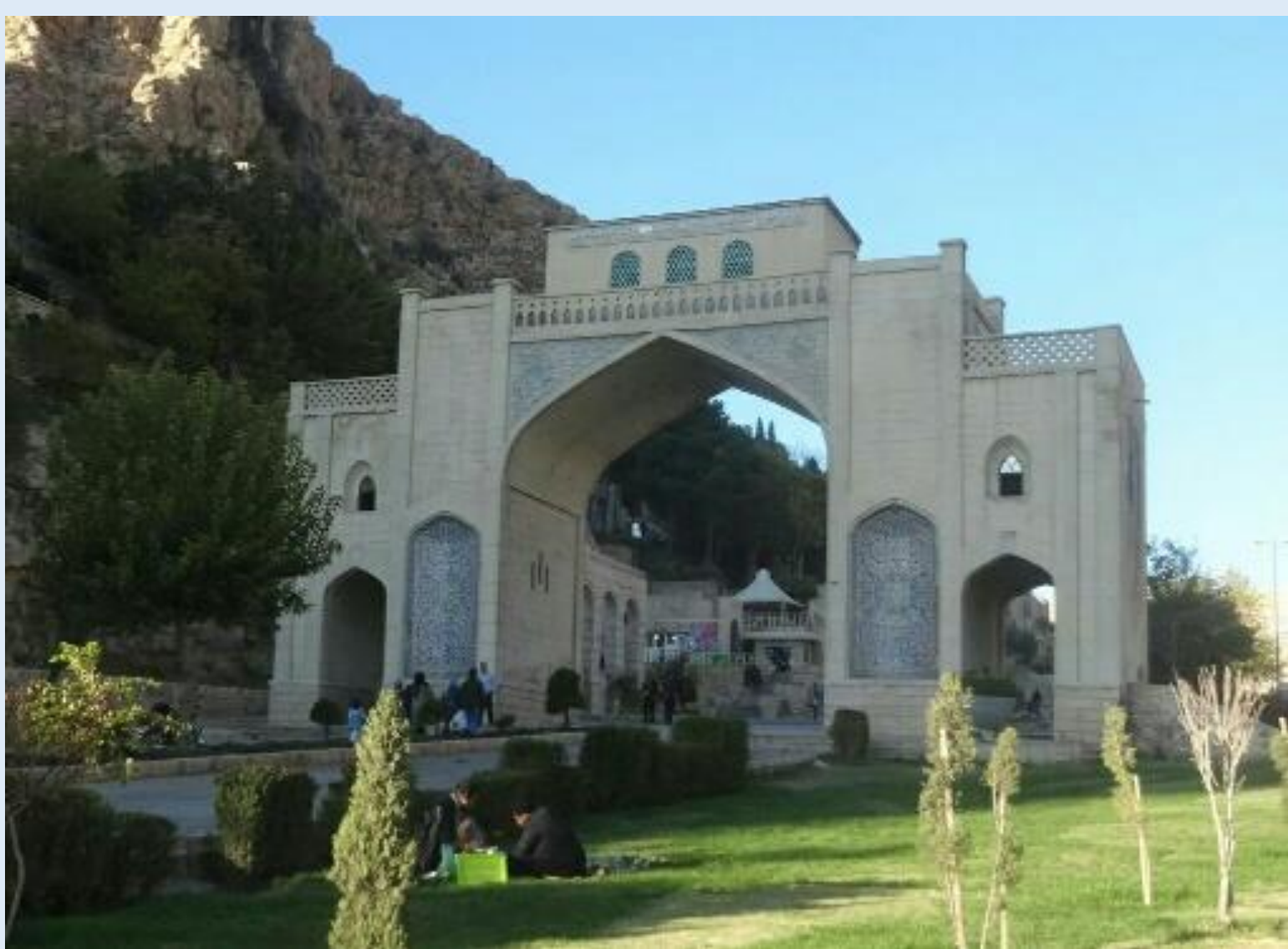
On The Road



Roadside



Outside Shiraz



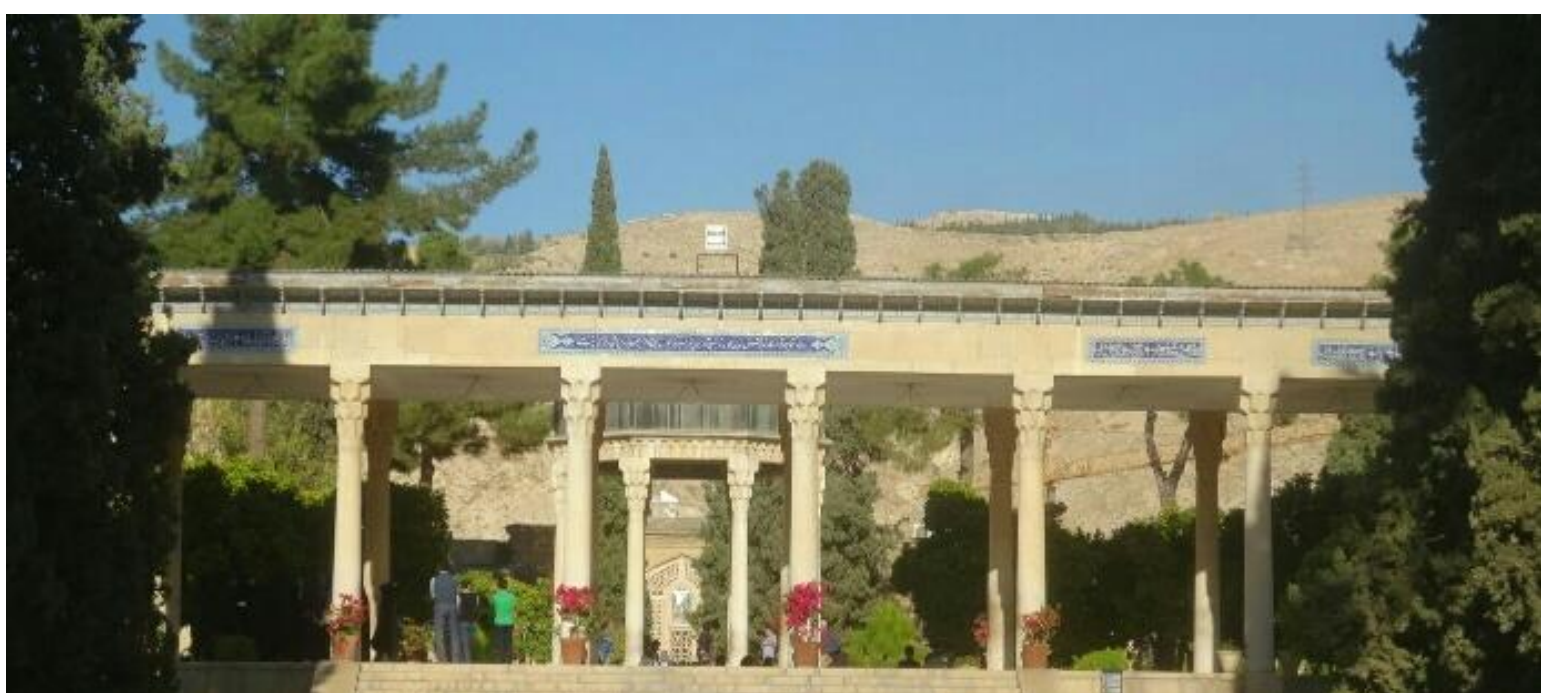
Qur'an Gate to Shiraz



Zoroastrian Fire Temple



Inside the Zoroastrian Fire Temple



Hafez Tomb



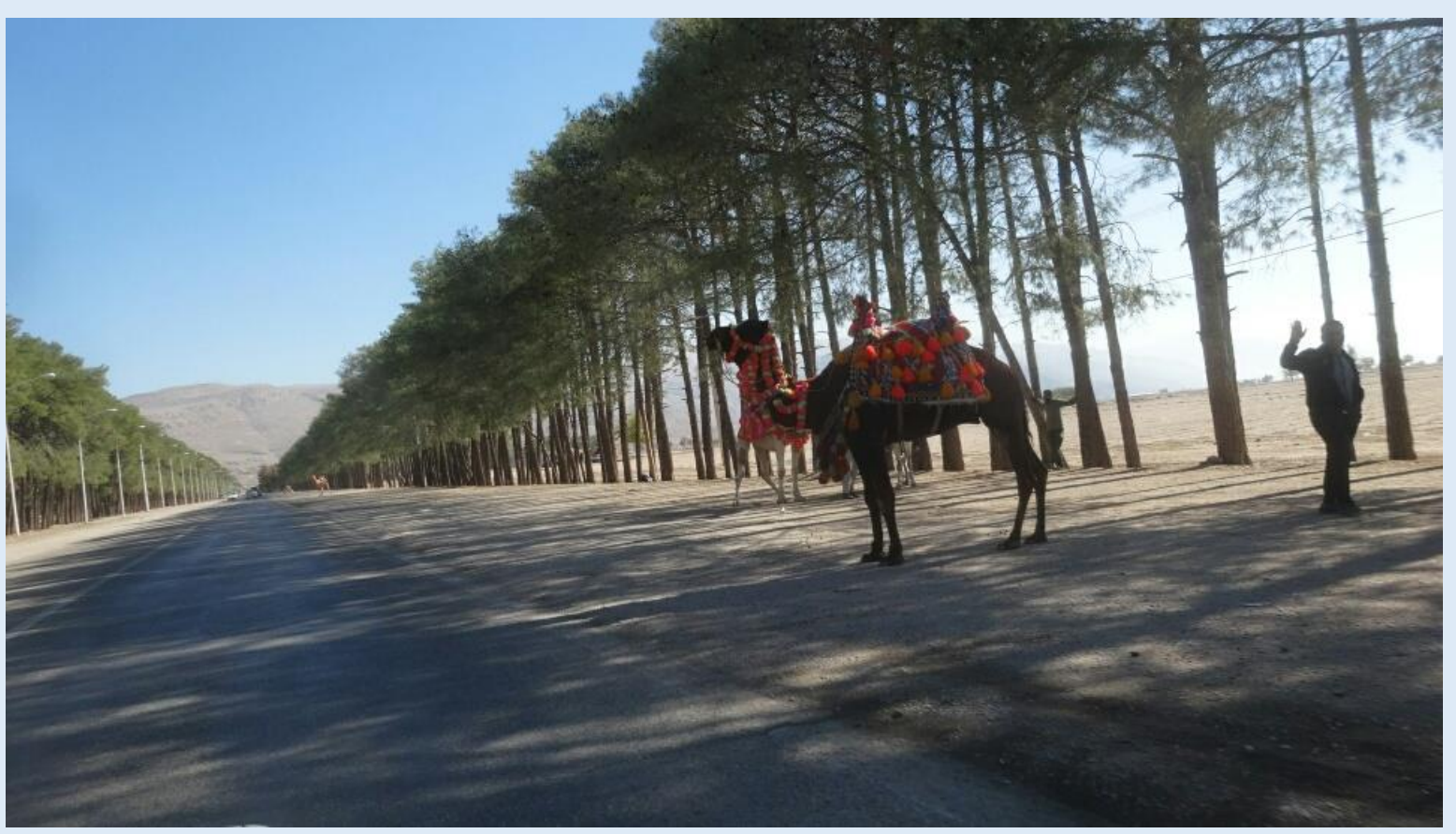
Saadi Tomb



Eram Gardens



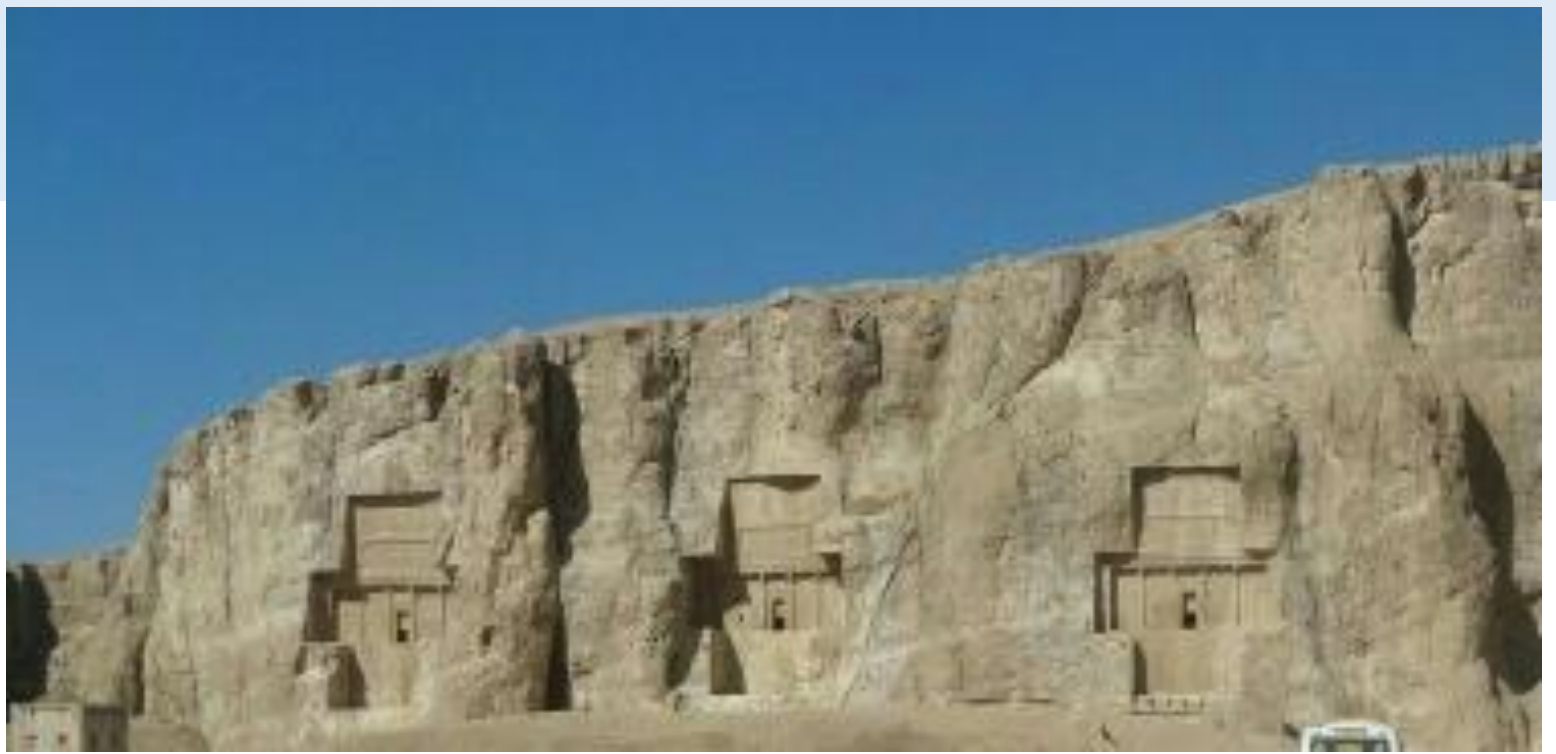
Lunch with Friends



Road to Persepolis



Persepolis



Naqsh-e Rostam